

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JANUARY 13, 1846.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CAMERON made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of David D. Porter, in behalf of his mother, Eveline Porter, widow of the late Commodore, praying for a law to authorize her to enjoy the benefits of the navy pension fund, report :*

That the memorial gives a slight sketch of the brilliant and valuable services of that extraordinary man, and states that, having devoted his whole life to the service of his country, he died leaving his family without a competent support.

The committee have a high appreciation of the services of Commodore Porter, but they find an insurmountable objection to an allowance of the claim, in the fact that he voluntarily left the naval service of his country, and thus deprived his family of all legal right to a participation in the fund. They feel less reluctance in acquiescing in the justice of this legal disability, from the fact that Congress has, since his death, granted to the widow of Commodore Porter the sum of six thousand dollars, claimed as an unpaid outfit on his mission to Constantinople. This sum, they learn from one of his family, has been invested for the benefit of his widow, which, with other property left by her husband, renders her entirely comfortable in her circumstances. They feel a degree of national pride, too, in stating the fact that four sons, all the descendants of that gallant man, have been provided with stations in the army and navy of the country, where we have a confident belief they will, when an opportunity offers, render service worthy of their high lineage. The committee offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

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Mr. GAMMELMAN made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Naval Affairs to whom was referred the memorial of David A. Porter, in behalf of his mother, Fannie Porter, widow of the late Commodore, praying for a law to authorize her to enjoy the benefits of the navy pension fund, report:

That the memorial gives a slight sketch of the brilliant and valuable services of that extraordinary man; and states that having devoted his whole life to the service of his country, he died leaving his family without a competent support.

The committee have a high appreciation of the services of Commodore Porter, and they find an insurmountable objection to an allowance of the fund in the fact that he voluntarily left the naval service of his country, and thus deprived his family of all legal right to a participation in the fund. They feel less reluctance in acquiescing in the justice of this claim, than the fact that Congress has, since his death, granted to the widow of Commodore Porter the sum of six thousand dollars, claim- ed as an unpaid outfit on his mission to Constantinople. This sum, they learn from one of his family, has been invested for the benefit of his widow, which, with other property left by her husband, renders her entirely comfortable in her circumstances. They feel a degree of national pride, too, in stating the fact that four sons, all the descendants of this gallant man, have been provided with stations in the army and navy of the country, where we have a confident belief they will, when an opportunity offers, render service worthy of their high lineage. The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

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